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APPLICANT: STEPHEN CATE, ET AL.
SERIAL NO: 09/674,399
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NATURAL CASING SAUSAGES

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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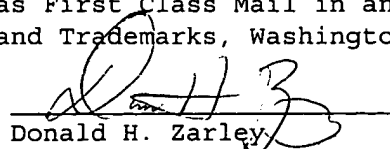
This replies to the Office letter dated November 28, 2000. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) is enclosed.

No original declaration was filed, and enclosed is the original declaration for this application.

The required fee of \$65.00 for a small entity to cover the late filing of original declaration under 37 CFR 1.16(e) was paid on October 20, 2000 along with the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

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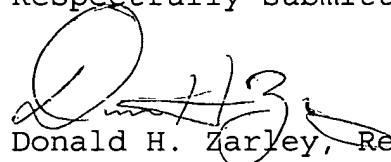
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Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371. Applicant is a small entity, and a verified statement that this filing is by a small entity was filed on October 20, 2000.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 26-0084. A duplicate of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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